## EXHIBIT 18

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15	NORTHERN DISTR	ICT OF CALIFORNIA
16	CELLULOSE MATERIAL SOLUTIONS,	CASE NO.: 3:22-cv-03141-LB
17	LLC	
18	Plaintiff,	DECLARATION OF KEVIN CHASE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF
19	V.	CELLULOSE MATERIAL
20	SC MARKETING GROUP, INC.,	SOLUTIONS, LLC'S SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFING RESPECTING
	Defendant.	DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF
21	Defendant.	INVALIDITY (Dkt. 141)
22		DATE: March 28, 2024
23		TIME: 9:30 A.M.
24		PLACE: Courtroom B – 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor,
25		JUDGE: Hon. Laurel Beeler
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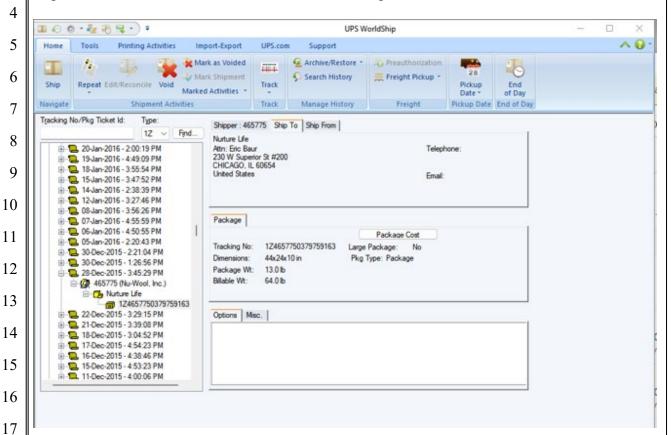
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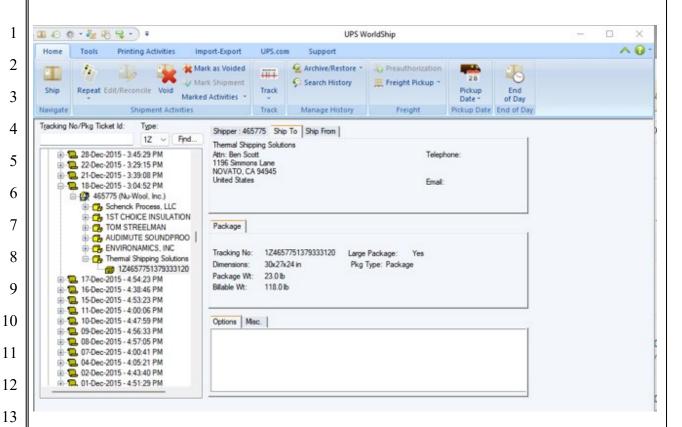
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I, Kevin Chase, declare as follows:

- 1. I am over eighteen (18) years of age and am the General Manager of Cellulose Material Solutions, LLC "CMS"), Plaintiff in the above-captioned lawsuit. I have been continuously employed by CMS since August of 2015.
- 2. I submit this Declaration in support of CMS's supplemental briefing in relation to the motion for summary judgment of Defendant SC Marketing Group, Inc., dba Thermal Shipping Solutions ("TSS"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and if called as a witness could testify competently thereto.
- 3. Among numerous other responsibilities as General Manager at CMS, I am involved in the development and manufacture of CMS's various products.
- 4. From the time I started my employment at CMS in August of 2015 I was engaged in the ongoing development of CMS's packaging insulation product comprising a core, or batt, of 100% PET fiber, with PET film on both sides of the batt. That product was already in development internally at CMS at the time I joined the company.
- 5. In November of 2015, I was personally involved in CMS's testing of the production-scale manufacture of CMS's packaging insulation product comprising a core, or batt, of 100% PET fiber, with PET film on both sides of the batt. The attached photograph, taken by me contemporaneously with this testing, shows quantities of this finished product in CMS's manufacturing facility. *See* Exh. A (CMS00002216), attached. Samples of the product created from this testing were provided to TSS before the end of 2015.
- 6. In December of 2015, I oversaw CMS's creation of multiple samples of its packaging insulation product comprising a core, or batt, of 100% PET fiber, with PET film on both sides of the batt. These samples were shipped from CMS directly to third party Nurture Life in



7. Also in December of 2015, I oversaw CMS's creation of multiple samples of its packaging insulation product comprising a core, or batt, of 100% PET fiber, with PET film on both sides of the batt. I caused these samples to be shipped to TSS, to the attention of its employee Ben Scott. *See* Exh. C (CMS002699 through CMS002700). Below is a true and correct copy screenshot I took from CMS's computer records evidencing the December 18, 2015, shipment details to Ben Scott at TSS's Novato, California location.



8. In January of 2016, I oversaw CMS's creation of multiple samples of its packaging insulation product comprising a core, or batt, of 100% PET fiber, with PET film on both sides of the batt. At the direction of Chris Benner, CMS's sales manager at the time, I caused these samples to be shipped to TSS, to the attention of its employee Ben Scott, on February 1, 2016. *See* Exh. D (CMS0015266 through CMS0015268) and Exh. E (CMS0003142). Below is a screenshot I took from CMS's computer records evidencing the February 1, 2016, shipment details to Ben Scott at TSS's Novato, California location.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct: and that this declaration was completed on this 7th of March 2024 in Jenison, Michigan.

By:/s/ Kevin 9 Chase
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